

MEMORANDUM FOR: Members of the National Foreign Intelligence Board  
SUBJECT : Cost of the Soviet Intelligence Effort

1. Attached is a memorandum prepared by CIA's Office of Strategic Research on the "Cost of the Soviet Intelligence Effort." The memorandum estimates that the total cost of Soviet intelligence activities during 1975 as 6.3 billion dollars, calculated at 1975 dollar prices.

2. This memorandum is not the result of a recent intensive program of research, but is rather an update of a comprehensive study of Soviet intelligence costs completed in 1970. As the text indicates, it is possible to calculate the costs of certain Soviet programs with greater confidence than others. Nevertheless, we believe this study gives a good general sense of the cost of collecting intelligence in the USSR.

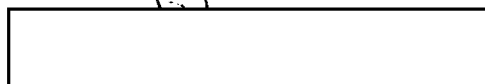
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Please look this over and make any  
changes you think necessary.

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